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# SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC FORM X-17A-5 WITH REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Seed Equity Ventures, LLC

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Seed Equity Ventures, LLC as of December 31, 2017, the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes and schedules (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Seed Equity Ventures, LLC as of December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of Seed Equity Ventures, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Seed Equity Ventures, LLC's financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to Seed Equity Ventures, LLC in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **Supplemental Information**

The supplemental information has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Seed Equity Ventures, LLC's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Seed Equity Ventures, LLC's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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We have served as Seed Equity Ventures, LLC's auditor since 2014.

Salt Lake City, Utah February 27, 2018

#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Chulgwon An	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial s Seed Equity Ventures, LLC	statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of December 31	, 20 17 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, princ classified solely as that of a customer, except as follow	ipal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
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Notary Public  This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):  (a) Facing Page.  (b) Statement of Financial Condition.  (c) Statement of Income (Loss).  (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.	Notary Public S. JEFFREY JONES Commission #682754 My Commission Expires June 2, 2019 State of Utah
<ul> <li>(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.</li> <li>(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity</li> <li>(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordina</li> <li>(g) Computation of Net Capital.</li> </ul>	
(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Re (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Con (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explan	
	udited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
	ound to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2017

	December 31, 2017	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$	50,479
Prepaid expenses		8,439
Total current assets		58,918
Security deposit		5,516
Total assets	\$	64,434
Liabilities and Member's Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$	3,026
Due to related party		7,335
Total current liabilities		10,361
Member's equity:		54,073
Total member's equity		54,073
Total liabilities and member's equity		64,434

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DECEMBER 31, 2017

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017	
Interest Income	_\$	26
Operating expenses:		
Compensation and related payroll costs		87,811
Sales and marketing		99,729
Occupancy		31,042
Professional fees		40,408
Licensing expense		10,435
General and administrative		4,948
Total operating expenses		274,373
Net Loss	\$	(274,347)

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Member's Contributions	Accumulated (Deficit)	Total Member's Equity	
Balance, December 31,2016	\$ 3,262,354	\$ (3,095,716)	\$ 166,638	
Contributions Withdrawals Net loss	185,700 (23,918)	(274,347)	185,700 (23,918) (274,347)	
Balance, December 31,2017	\$ 3,424,136	\$ (3,370,063)	\$ 54,073	

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS DECEMBER 31, 2017

	December 31, 2017	
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (loss)	\$	(274,347)
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization		64,446
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses		13,270
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities		(7,961)
Net cash used by operating activities		(204,592)
Cash flows from financing activities  Member's contributions  Net cash provided by financing activities		185,700 185,700
Net increase (decrease) in cash Cash - beginning Cash - ending	\$	(18,892) 69,371 50,479
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash flow information Cash paid for: Interest expense Taxes	\$ \$	<u>-</u>

Non-cash investing and financing activities:

Distribution of property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation to the member of \$23,918.

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2017

#### 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Description of Business**

Seed Equity Ventures, LLC (the "Company") became a registered securities broker-dealer on February 14, 2014 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and Securities Investors Protection Corporation ("SIPC").

The Company engages in private placements and provides merger and acquisition advisory services. The Company does not have any trading accounts, nor does it hold cash or securities for or on behalf of any customers or clients.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions in determining reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Cash

The Company maintains cash balances at various financial institutions. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The Company's accounts have not exceeded these limits.

#### **Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at the amounts management expects to collect. An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded based on a combination of historical experience, aging analysis and information on specific accounts. Account balances are written off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

The Company records fees as they are earned based on the services provided or the closing of certain securities transactions.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lease term.

#### **Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Intangible assets include the development of software and websites and are stated at cost of \$367,661, which were fully amortized at December 31, 2017.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company is organized as a Limited Liability Company ("LLC") and is considered a disregarded entity for income tax purposes. As such, the Company does not file a Federal or state income tax return and is consolidated with the Member's tax returns. In addition, the liability of the Member of the Company is limited to the Member's equity.

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2017

#### 2 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is owned 100% by its holding company, Seed Equity Holdings, LLC (the "Holding Company"). In 2017, the Holding Company contributed net \$185,700 to cover the Company's operating expenses. The capital contributions have been made by the Holding Company based on the Company's financial condition.

In May 2017, the company made a distribution to the Holding Company of property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, in the amount of \$23,918.

The Company shares its office space as well as various administrative services with another wholly-owned subsidiary of the Holding Company, Seed Equity Venture Partners ("SEVP"). In May 2017, the Company entered into an expense sharing agreement whereby all expenses associated with the operations of the Company paid by SEVP were charged to the Company. Under the agreement, certain expenses of SEVP, such as payroll costs, rent, and office expenses are allocated to the Company and included in their respective accounts on the accompanying statement of operations.

In accordance with the expense sharing agreement, the Company reimbursed SEVP for its allocated share of non-payroll related overhead expenses totaling \$5,800 and employee compensation and related expenses totaling \$14,300, for the period May to December 2017.

#### 3 - REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital shall not exceed fifteen times net capital. At December 31, 2017, the Company had net capital of \$40,118, which exceeded requirements by \$35,118. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.26 to 1.

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under paragraph (k)(2)(i).

#### 4 - COMMITMENTS

The Company leases approximately 2,640 square feet of office space, pursuant to a lease dated March 31, 2014, which expires July 2019. A security deposit of \$5,516 was paid.

The minimum future lease payments under these leases for the next five years are:

Year Ending December 31,		Amount
2018	\$	48,314
2019		24,514
Thereafter	_	-
Total	\$	72,828

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2017

#### **5 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing these financial statements, the Company has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through February 27, 2018, the date the financial statements were issued. The Company has no transactions to record.

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## PURSUANT TO RULE 17A-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017** 

## SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC SCHEDULES I

#### COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, AND COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS DECEMBER 31, 2017

Computation of net capital	
Member's equity	\$ 54,073
Deductions and/or charges	ŕ
Fixed assets, prepaid expenses, and other assets	(13,955)
Net capital	\$ 40,118
Computation of aggregate indebtedness	
Payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,361
Aggregate indebtedness	\$ 10,361
Computation of basic net capital requirement	
Minimum net capital required (6.67% of aggregate indebtedness)	\$ 691
Minimum dollar requirement	5,000
Net capital requirement (greater of minimum net capital	 ···
or dollar requirement)	\$ 5,000
Excess net capital	\$ 35,118
Excess net capital @ 1000%	\$ 39,082
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	0.26 to 1

There are no material differences between the preceding computation and the Company's corresponding unaudited Form X-17a-5 Part II, as of December 31, 2017.

#### SEED EQUITY VENTURES, LLC SCHEDULES II EXEMPTIVE PROVISION UNDER RULE 15c3-3 DECEMBER 31, 2017

If an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 is claimed, identify below the section upon which such exemption is based (check one only).

A \$2.500 capital category: as per Rule 15c3-1

A.	\$2,500 capital category; as per Rule 15c3-1	
B.	"Special Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers" maintained	<u>X</u>
C.	All customer transactions cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed Basis: Name of clearing firm	
D.	Exempted by order of the Commission	



### **Seed Equity Ventures, LLC Exemption Report**

Seed Equity Ventures, LLC, (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. §240.173-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

- (1) The Company may file an Exemption Report because the Company had no obligations under 17C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 under exemption (k)(2)(i) of the rule.
- (2) The Company had no obligations under 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 under exemption (k)(2)(i) of the rule, throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

Seed Equity Ventures, LLC

I, Chulgwon An, swear that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

Bv:

Chulgwon An, Chief Compliance Officer

February 23, 2018



#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members of Seed Equity Ventures, LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which (1) Seed Equity Ventures, LLC identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Seed Equity Ventures, LLC claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (2)(i) (the "exemption provisions") and (2) Seed Equity Ventures, LLC stated that Seed Equity Ventures, LLC met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. Seed Equity Ventures, LLC's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about Seed Equity Ventures, LLC's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Haynie + Company Haynie & Company Salt Lake City, Utah February 27, 2018